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SUBJECT: FY-77 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

1. POST SUBMITS HERewith PART I OF NOMINATION FOR AN IV GRANT FOR JOSE JOAQUIN CHAVERRI SIEVART, INFORMATION DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. COSTA RICAN, SINGLE, ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD. TRAVELED TO CENTRAL AMERICA, EUROPE AND SOUTH AMERICA; HAS REPRESENTED COSTA RICA IN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AT THE U.N. HAS NEVER BEEN GRANTED A GOVERNMENT GRANT. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH FAIR, WILL NEED AN INTERPRETER. CANDIDATE CLEARED FOR VISA. CHAVERRI ACCOMPANIES COSTA RICAN U.N. DELEGATION ARRIVING NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 23. AVAILABLE TO START IVP O/A OCTOBER 23.

2. REASONS FOR NOMINATION AND POST OBJECTIVES:

CHAVERRI IS EASILY THE MOST PROFESSIONAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRY INFORMATION DIRECTOR IN COSTA RICA. HIS YOUTH AND ALREADY PROVEN ABILITY, (HIS COORDINATION ROLE DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT IN FEBRUARY AND THE RECENT UNESCO CONFERENCE WERE ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE) POINT TO A LONG PROFESSIONAL CARRIER FOR HIM EITHER IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR ELSEWHERE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. CHAVERRI IS ALSO A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE OP-ED PAGE OF LA NACION, THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHAVERRI TO OBSERVE MODERN MEDIA AND INFORMATION TECHNIQUES IN THE US AND TO HAVE CONTACT WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS WILL HAVE IMMEDIATE BENEFIT IN THE POST'S

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ONGOING EFFECTS TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP

WITH THE GOCR ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATTERS. IT IS ALSO A GOOD
INVESTMENT IN THE FORMATION OF A MOST PROMISING YOUNG JOURNALIST,
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SPECIALIST, AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR.
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